

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, beginning on line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

An operator standing proximate packing station 96 may reach to exit opening 44 of hopper 26 to withdraw a desired number of cushions 26 for insertion as dunnage, bracing, or protective material into box 131 +30, along with the product to be packaged. The operator may manually tear the perforations 32 to separate a selected section of cushions from a string of packaging cushions 30.